

heard one prior to 1890, but without comment where and under what conditions. It remained for the bird to reveal itself in the famous Chance Creek gorge while we were camping there as late as the first week in September. The first morning out this wren's voice was conspicuous in the whole morning chorus. Later, on the 8th, I clinched the record by capturing one of the three birds for the College museum.

LYNDS JONES, *Oberlin, Ohio.*

FLICKER SKINS WANTED.

For the purpose of comparison I desire skins of any of the forms of *Colaptes* from all parts of the country. I will gladly pay transportation charges, and guarantee the return of the specimens in good condition. Write, or send the skins at once, to FRANK L. BURNS, *Berwyn, Pa.*

EDITORIAL.

Mr. Frank L. Burns is about completing his final report upon the Flicker and requests that any members or others who may have any additional notes or any matter not already sent in, favor him with them at an early date. Only those who have attempted the compilation of notes can appreciate the satisfaction which the reception of notes gives. This report promises to be even superior to the report on the Crow, making the most exhaustive treatise on the Flicker ever published. It will be as nearly a complete life history of the species as it is possible to make it. Send your notes to Mr. Frank L. Burns, Berwyn, Penn., as soon as possible.

The January issue of the BULLETIN will be largely or possibly wholly given up to a report on the Songs of the Warblers, which has been so long pending in the hope that more material might be contributed. It will attempt the description of the songs of nearly all the known species, with a statement of the song periods of as many as the material at hand will warrant. Descriptions of any of the songs of any of the warblers, and notes upon their periods of song will be welcome until the second week in December. Notes from the extreme north and from the extreme south are earnestly desired. Notes upon the western species would also

be desirable. Please give this matter of contributing to these reports your immediate attention.

The editor has felt for some time that a quarterly edition of the BULLETIN has many advantages over the bi-monthly edition. The larger number of pages would make a better looking magazine; it would afford a better opportunity for the composition and compilation of field notes and field work; and it would be less expense. Each issue would consist of not less than twenty-four pages, thus making the yearly output no less than with the bi-monthly edition. Second-class mailing rates would continue in force, so that the cost of mailing would be somewhat less, on account of the use of fewer envelopes and a less number of covers for the BULLETIN, not to mention the lessened work of addressing and mailing. The editor solicits comments from all interested upon the feasibility of issuing four instead of six numbers of the BULLETIN for the coming year, not decreasing the number of pages issued during the year.

The editor wishes to enlist every reader in the effort to increase the subscription list of the BULLETIN, and toward that end he will gladly send extra copies to any one who can use them to introduce the BULLETIN to friends or acquaintances. We must have at least 100 new subscribers before the close of the century. You can help to bring this about. Won't you do it?

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBER.

Mr. G. M. Allen, 44 Perkins Hall, Cambridge, Mass., is proposed for active membership. The Constitution provides that in the absence of adverse votes, which must be sent to the Secretary, the person proposed is elected to membership.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Bird-Lore. Vol. I, No. 4.

Bulletin of the Cooper Ornithological Club. Vol. I, No. 5.

Bulletin of the New York State Museum. Vol. VI, No. 28. Plants of North Elba. By Charles H. Peck, M. A.